

## House Resolution No. 4422

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Thomas R. Bailey, Jr., who is the President of the Missouri Black Expo Weekend, to be held August 18 and 19, 2007, at American's Center in St. Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, this will be the sixteenth annual Missouri Black Expo Weekend, and it is the largest African-American Empowerment event in the state of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Black Expo Weekend provides an opportunity for African-American businesses to expand their client base and the entire community to business opportunities to an audience that spends in excess of nine billion dollars annually in Missouri; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Black Expo is pleased to announce the formation of the Missouri Black Expo Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that will greatly enhance the opportunities to provide outstanding resources to the Missouri African-American community; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Black Expo Weekend will feature local and nationally known entertainment with the Missouri Black Expo American Family Insurance Music Fest; one hundred Black Men Prostate Cancer Survivor's & Awareness Walk; State of Black America panel discussion featuring Dr. Nelson Adams, John Hope Bryant, Congressman Emmanuel Cleaver, and Jawanza Kunjufu; United States Army National Invitation Boxing Tournament Semi-Finals; a city-wide church service presented by Westside Baptist Missionary Church; Missouri Black Expo Multi Cultural Diversity Job Fair; Allies in Healthcare health fair; and back-to-school giveaways for five thousand children; and much more; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Black Expo Weekend is expected to draw forty thousand visitors:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our best wishes for a successful the Missouri Black Expo Weekend to Thomas Bailey; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Thomas R. Bailey, Jr., President of the Missouri Black Expo.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative John L. Bowman, Sr.  
District No. 70

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4422, adopted August 13, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker